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BY ECF AND HAND

Magistrate Judge Kiyo A. Matsumoto
United States Magistrate Judge
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Re: Weiss et al. v. National Westminster Bank Plc, 05-CV-4622 (CPS) (KAM)
Strauss et al. v. Crédit Lyonnais, S.A., 06-CV-702 (CPS) (KAM)

Dear Magistrate Judge Matsumoto:

I am writing to respond briefly to plaintiffs' letter of January 21, 2007.

Contrary to plaintiffs' accusation, we did call plaintiffs' counsel to meet and confer on January 19, 2007 as soon as we received their first letter of that date. Unfortunately, during the conversation that Mr. Friedman and I had with Mr. Osen, he adamantly took the position that he was not required by the Court's two Minute Orders to provide us with any information regarding persons with relevant knowledge beyond what was contained in that first letter. He also told us that plaintiffs had additional documents that they intended to produce, but he could not tell us when those documents would be available, and said that he would call us on Tuesday to discuss the document production aspect of the Minute Orders (but not the identification of persons in Israel with knowledge of relevant facts). Since it was clear from this discussion that plaintiffs do not intend to comply with the latter aspect of the Minute Orders without further judicial intervention, we wrote to Your Honor.

We of course will be available at the Court's convenience for a conference to discuss these matters.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Y. Blackman

cc: All Counsel of Record